amenities may be provided. Reservation in post-graduate admission may be provided for the in-service candidates who have put in stipulated rural service.

(c) The Government proposes to implement the recommendations of the Conference for making improvement in medical and primary health care services in all rural areas of the country, including that of Bihar.

Mandatory ISI Standard for the Cosmetics and Detergent Products

1140. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by Government regarding large scale sale of sub-standard and spurious cosmetics in the market;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to make it mandatory on the part of the manufactures of all kinds of cosmetics and detergent products which are sold in the market should meet the standard fixed by the Bureau of Indian Standard and carry the ISI marks;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No complaint has been received by the Government regarding large scale of sub-standard and spurious cosmetics in the market.

(b) to (d) The standards for cosmetics, as prescribed under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 150-A read with Schedule-S, contain eleven categories of cosmetics which are required to comply with the Indian Standards specifications. Since this is a mandatory provision no ISI mark is required to be printed on the label. Detergents are not covered by the term 'Cosmetics' under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Common Recruitment Rules in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1141. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1692 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision on the suitability of having common recruitment rules for the various posts including those of Assistant Commissioners of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The scrutiny of existing recruitment rules to determine the necessary modifications will take some more time.

(b) Does not arise.

Action against unauthorised agents indulging in railway reservation

1142. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what action Government propose to take against unauthorised agents and touts operating in Amrit Kaur Market, opposite New Delhi Railway Station, current booking counters, IRCA Reservation Office and those who are abetting the offence under section 114-A(2) of Railway Act to check the unauthorised reservation of railway accommodation in fictitious names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): A close surveillance is maintained on

the reservation office in Delhi area to detect and apprehend touts. During the period 1-11-1986 to 16-4-1987, 91 touts were apprehended and prosecuted. Checks are also conducted in running trains and persons found travelling on transfered tickets are penalised as per law to act as a deterrent against purchase of tickets from unauthorised sources. Besides, strict watch is maintained over railway staff and those found indulging in malpractices are punished suitably.

Rail passes to freedom fighters

1143. SHRI CITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for issuing free railway passes to the freedom fighters

(b) whether it is a fact that freedom fighters who are recognised and received their pension from respective State Governments are not entitled for free railway passes; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Freedom Fighters who are receiving pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme from Central Government are being issued First Class Complimentary Card Passes in favour of self and one companion valid for a period of one year from the date of issue.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The present scheme, decided in consultation with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, does not cover the freedom fighters receiving pension from the State Governments.

Conversion of Miraj-Latur Rail Line into Broad Gauge

1144. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey undertaken by Railways to convert the Narrow Gauge Miraj-Latur railway line in Maharashtra into Broad-Gauge has been completed and the work on the conversion of the line has already started;

(b) if so, what is the amount spent on this work so far, and when it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether any survey was also done to connect Latur with Latur Board; and

(d) if so, when this work is likely to commence, and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Survey was completed in 1975. Conversion work has not been approved.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This work has not been approved.

Conversion of Manmad-Mudkhed railline into Broad-Gauge

1145. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert Metre Gauge railway line into Broad Gauge between Manmad-Mudkhed section of Marathwada (Maharashtra) region;

(b) what is the amount spent on this work so far;

(c) what is the progress of the work to date;

(d) what is the Budgetary allocation for this work during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(e) when the work is likely to be completed?